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Welcome Center

Monday-Saturday
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sunday/Holidays
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Welcome Center is your destination for maps, gift items, program reservations, camping reservations, permits and Forest information.

Directions

From I-65 south, take the Gene Snyder Freeway (I-265) west and exit at New Cut Road. Turn left, go about one mile, and turn right onto Mitchell Hill Road. Follow the signs to the Forest.

Mission Statement

The mission of Louisville Metro Parks is to create a City of Parks and enhance the quality of life for citizens of Louisville Metro by maintaining and acquiring attractive, vibrant parks and offering safe, diverse recreation programs, and protecting these lands and resources for future generations.

Forest Family Fun Days

When the Forest was first dedicated on Sunday, October 10, 1948 the Forest Dedication Chairman, Judge Henry J. Stites, invited citizens of all ages to the new lake at Tom Wallace Park, the first section of the then 1,500-acre Jefferson County Memorial Forest. It was announced with great fanfare that the now-named Tom Wallace Recreation Area would be a place for recreation and enjoyment across all seasons.

It is in this spirit that we invite you to the Forest in 2011. This year, we are returning the Forest to its roots. Forest staff and volunteers have been working hard this past year to put the shine back on Tom Wallace Recreation Area through modest improvements including construction of a formal lake trail; ongoing efforts to remove invasive plants and restore the ecological condition of this well-loved area; replacing the aging fishing pier with a new structure; and partnering with KY Fish and Wildlife to provide improved fishing opportunities at the lake.

In part to highlight these improvements but also to encourage Louisville residents to be active outdoors and get close to nature, this year we will be offering four Forest Family Fun Day events on selected Saturdays this spring and summer. Three of these will be held at Tom Wallace Lake, including an ice

cream social and a fishing derby. These events will hearken back to a perhaps simpler time of more than a half-century ago. That was a time fondly recalled by many older residents of Fairdale and Valley Station, when the "Forestry" was just the biggest back yard ever and you could even row a boat on Tom Wallace Lake.

Times may have changed, but the Forest still has much to offer those who seek simple pleasures with the backdrop of the great outdoors. So mark the following dates on your calendar for Forest Family Fun Days and be sure to check out www.memorialforest.com for more information:

Sat, June 4	Fishing Derby at Tom Wallace Recreation Area
Sat, June 25	Great American Campout at the Horine Reservation
Sat July 9	Canoeing at Tom Wallace Lake
Sat, July 23	Ice Cream Social Tom Wallace Recreation Area

Come out and enjoy a day with your kids and grandkids, nieces and nephews, and friends and neighbors. You and yours are sure to have a good time!

Bennett Knox, Parks Administrator



Left: Nadine Greshel, Bonnie Younger, and Philip Greshel of Fairdale are going for a boat ride at Tom Wallace. [Circa 1948]

Right: Pausing on a hike to Tom Wallace lake, Lewis Frazar, left, and brother Joe are given a look at a pet calf by Delores and Barbara Jean Graham. [1948]





Volunteer News and Opportunities

Caperton Swamp Restoration Effort

Caperton Swamp, located at 3916 River Road, has a long history as a premier birding location, but in more recent years has been subject to less than desirable behaviors and practices. Join Metro Parks and WBKI in a clean-up effort to restore this landscape to a more natural state. Volunteers will be removing trash (tires, scrap metal and litter) and/or assisting in invasive plant removal. Water, tools and gloves are supplied. This opportunity is suitable for ages 14 and up. Youth under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Closed toe shoes are required. Large groups may need to park across the street at Cox's Park.

Saturday, March 26, 2011: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, April 23, 2011: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, 2011: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, May 14, 2011: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Land Stewards

Come learn more about plants and ecology working with our Land Stewards. These volunteers participate in conservation and preservation activities such as learning to identify native versus non-native, invasive and noninvasive plants, how to locate and map native flora; removal of invasive plants species; and by participating in planning and replanting restoration sites and other conservation pursuits.



A Natural Areas Land Steward at work.

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Every
Wednesday,
9 a.m.

First Saturday of
each Month,
9 a.m.

Trail Team

Learn about trail development with our Trail Team. Members of this group develop new trails, maintain existing trails, offer public assistance, and provide reporting on conditions and usage patterns. Join this group to learn more about trail development and layout and to assist staff in meeting Forest goals for providing quality recreational opportunities to the community.

Second Saturday every month:
9 a.m., JMF Welcome Center

Third Saturday every month: 9 a.m.,
Waverly Park playground parking lot

Fourth Saturday every month:
9 a.m., Paul Yost section of JMF, by the
large shelter

Forest Ambassadors

Forest Ambassadors are on-call general volunteers, providing assistance with varied tasks such as staffing booths or directing parking during special events, helping with crafts during summer camps, assisting in the office or delivering flyers and advertising materials. If you have a talent you'd like to share with us, please give us a call. We'd love to hear from you!



Volunteering in the Welcome Center

Help Needed

There is a current need for a volunteer to assist in the Volunteer Department office on weekdays, performing data input, running reports and general volunteer administration. Good organizational and computer skills needed.

For more volunteer information, visit www.memorialforest.com or contact Sherry Wright, Volunteer Coordinator, 502/380-1753 or sherry.wright@louisvilleky.gov.



A Natural Areas Trail Team member



“Mighty Fine Rats”

“Eileen and John brought in some mighty fine large rats last night.” This is the way my better half, Kathy, started a conversation one morning. Strange talk? Weird, disgusting topic? Not for two volunteer naturalists. Kathy volunteers at Raptor Rehab, and she spent the previous evening cutting up dead, frozen rats as meals for the raptors. Her opening comment led to a lengthy, in-depth knowledgeable discussion about which raptors eat their prey whole, prefer rats to mice, eat all parts of the rat, or like only particular parts of the rats.

Naturalists can carry on passionate, informative, and interesting discussions about scat, cockroaches, animals that eat their own poop, those creatures that live better through vomiting, and much more. Are we talking shop? Well, yes and no. Yes, because it is what we do each day, and no, because as volunteers we are acting out our creative passions solely for the sheer joy of the experience, not worrying about whether a paycheck results.

Volunteering in natural settings has definitely

changed us; we never talked about any of these things when we were dating 38 years ago. Now we get up before dawn on cold, blustery mornings to search for birds and other wildlife that are probably ignoring their own parent’s advice not to be out and about. We look for “bare” trees in winter, and use what clues we can find to identify the species. We hike sandy stretches where there’s not much life, but there are tracks. “Are those from a snake, a lizard or a turtle?” We deliberately seek out bogs, marshes, swamps, deserts and other isolated areas, becoming a part of the community of nature. We glean information and ideas from caring and inspirational native plant and wildflower professionals, converting our subdivision yard from grass to a wildlife habitat with water, cover, food and space for wildlife. I’ve challenged my own prejudices, finding out that everything has a niche in the web of life, and there is no “good or “bad” in nature. I once believed bats to be ugly and harmful, and now marvel at flying mammals that devour mosquitoes. As volunteer naturalists

we are constantly examining, discovering, wondering, learning by observation, following up with books and the internet, and discussing anew. In nature, we are never bored and never truly alone. Joy awaits. Ain’t life grand – rats and all?



Dick Dennis, Volunteer Naturalist

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

At Natural Areas Division and Jefferson Memorial Forest, we’re proud of our many volunteers. We’re honored by their gifts of time and talent that benefit the parks and the community. Volunteers assist in a variety of activities, including conservation and restoration efforts, trail development and maintenance, quality public education experiences and office administration, helping to assure the daily needs of maintaining 7,000 acres of parkland are met. In 2010, these dedicated individuals provided over 5,100 service hours, valued at over \$106,300!

So how do you celebrate such devotion? You throw a party, of course!

On Friday, February 4, Natural Areas volunteers were invited to an award dinner at the South Park Country Club sponsored by District 13 Councilwoman, Vicki Aubrey Welch. Always a strong supporter of the Forest, this is the second consecutive year that Mrs. Welch sponsored the volunteer award dinner and served as a key speaker.

A few brief words of heartfelt appreciation were delivered from Councilwoman Welch and Natural Areas Administrator Bennett Knox before the volunteers were treated to a delightful meal. While they ate, volunteers were entertained with dulcimer music played by another volunteer, 13-year old Kateri Powell.

After a wonderful meal and celebratory cake, the award ceremony was sprinkled with door prizes and a nature knowledge game to keep the party moving along. Service hour awards were given to 25 individuals, and recognition was given for another 22 awards that had been given out mid-year.

A good time was had by all, and we hope to repeat the event next year with even more volunteers present and more awards to honor how wonderful they are!

Deepest gratitude to Councilwoman Welch for her sponsorship and ongoing support of the Forest, to South Park Country Club for use of their facility and preparation of the memorable meal, and Kateri Powell for wowing us with her talent.



Introducing FREE Guided Hikes!

Natural Areas volunteers will host guided hikes on the last Saturday of each month throughout 2011. Most hikes will have a topic of interest, and volunteers will be eager to answer questions and interpret the natural world to visitors. Hikes will be styled for beginners through intermediate hikers, and suitable for most ages. Hikes will meet at 9 a.m. and last approximately 3 hours unless otherwise specified.

April 30 • Hike the Purple Heart Trail • 2 M
Learn about wayfinding techniques. Meet at the Welcome Center.

May 28 • Hike the Orange Trail • 1.7 M
Learn some Forest history. Meet in the Horine parking lot.

June 25 • Hike Mitchell Hill Lake Trail • 1.5 M
Discuss fossils from the area. Meet in the Horine parking lot.



Volunteer News

Want To Support Our Volunteers? Want to Be a Volunteer?

You can offer your support for our volunteers in several ways:

- Make a tax-deductible donation to Louisville Metro Parks and state your desire that your gift benefit the JMF volunteer program.
- Your business can offer a discount to volunteers with the show of their ID badge.
- Offer coupons, gift certificates or items suitable for event door prizes and special awards.
- Become a volunteer yourself! See our website for opportunities or contact us.

We'd love to hear from you! Contact Sherry Wright, Volunteer Coordinator, 502/380-1753 or sherry.wright@louisvilleky.gov.

Sincere Thanks to:

Andrew Douglas, Boy Scout Troop 212, for completing his Eagle Scout project at the Forest. Andrew and other members of Troop 212 performed over 112 volunteer hours in the building of new trail in the Paul Yost section.

UPS for permitting 12 outstanding adult volunteers to work a half day with Forest staff developing new trail in Waverly Park on October 20.

Girl Scouts of America Troops 483, 835, 1130 and 1323 for their dedication to the Beargrass Creek Greenway project and their assistance on National Public Lands Day held Saturday, September 25.

Jim Carroll, owner of the Fairdale Dairy Queen for ongoing support of volunteers and all the free combo coupons.

The Trail Store for offering discounts to our volunteers when they show their volunteer ID badges.



Mayor Fischer's First Annual Day of Service a Huge Success

Even cold, blustery winds and an unexpected snowfall did not deter 21 dedicated outdoor enthusiasts from attending the Mayor's Day of Service event at the Forest on Saturday, January 8. Meeting at the Welcome Center at 9 a.m., volunteers received an overview of trail management and the need for conditions reports from Trail Supervisor Larry Hilton. In order to provide data on as many trails as possible, the volunteers were split into groups and joyously went out tromping through the snow. Mission complete, they trickled back into the Welcome Center, cold but exhilarated at what they had seen and learned from our staff and ongoing volunteers. Volunteers warmed themselves with a cup of cocoa by the fireplace while completing their trail reports and discussing trail issues with the staff. Overall, 90 hours of volunteer time were recorded, the Forest gained much needed trail condition reports and best of all, we gained some new friends! Thanks to everyone who participated in this event. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



Volunteers of the Month

Thanks to our most recent Volunteers of the Month! This award is given to the volunteer with the most service hours in a given month. To celebrate, volunteers receive a certificate of appreciation, a \$5 Forest gift certificate, their photo on the Wall of Fame in the Welcome Center and a newsletter mention.

December 2010: Melissa Hatfield

January 2011: Christine Knopf

February 2011: Kyla Elverud

The following volunteers received service hour awards at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Friday, February 4, 2011 (photos below). See related article for more info about our event.

50 Hours

Marlene Accardo	Diana Howlett
Anna Allen	Kenny Karem
Jim Collings	Bill Landrum
Kevin Downs	Margaret Miller
Beth Frey	Larry Odom-Groh
David Hatfield	Chris Pauley
Pam Henninger	

100 Hours

Robert Bridges	Dann Higgins
Kevin Downs	Kateri Powell
David Gawarecki	Bobbi Wolford
David Hatfield	

250 Hours

Tony Cissell	Mike Lomax
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500 Hours

John Buchenberger	Margie Jones
Dick Dennis	





Land Management

Feral Pigs at Jefferson Memorial Forest

A new exotic invader is threatening the natural balance of Jefferson Memorial Forest. Early in the summer of 2010, neighboring landowners, hikers, and staff began reporting feral hogs within the Forest and traveling between the Forest and surrounding properties. The first reports began early in the summer of 2010. Jefferson Forest is now working with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife to address this serious issue.



Feral Hogs are generally dark colored. Many are solid black. Picture from KDFWR website.

Jason Nally, Private Lands Biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources gives us a synopsis of the problem: "Feral hogs, also known as wild boars, originate from either escaped domestic pigs or transplanted European boars," Nally said. "The problems caused by these hybridized hogs are well known in many areas of the United States, but have only recently started to cause problems in Kentucky. Feral pigs can cause extensive damage to forestland, crops and pastures. They will eat just about anything and can readily out-compete native wildlife for food. In addition to eliminating food sources for deer, turkey and small game populations (acorns), feral pigs can decimate frog and snake populations, will devour the nests of ground nesting bird species, and have been documented to eat deer fawns. Feral pigs carry a host of diseases, such as swine brucellosis and pseudo rabies that can affect pets, livestock, wildlife and humans. Sows can produce two litters a year with up to 13 piglets in a litter, a characteristic that is economically

beneficial when pigs are raised as livestock. However, this reproductive productivity can cause local feral pig populations to quadruple in a year's time if they are not actively managed. Pigs are omnivores and the rich woodlands of the Jefferson Memorial Forest offer a smorgasbord for these free roaming nuisances."

Feral hogs have long been a problem in other parks and forests throughout the region. Bernheim Forest has been working to manage the problem for several years now,

and the Smokey Mountains National Park has been working to manage the problem for a very long time. Indications from KDFWR are that it is unlikely that we will be able to completely eliminate every wild hog in Jefferson Forest. Currently we are trying to manage the problem through a program of trapping along two of the locations where they were seen last year. If you see feral hogs in the area, please report them to Jason Nally at 270/805-1080.

Raptor Day

**Saturday
March 26, 2011
10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Celebration of the power and
grace of Hawks, Falcons and Owls.**

**Learn more about the jet fighters
of the birding world.**

Meets in the Horine Reservation.

Fee: \$2 parking



Land Management



Caperton Swamp Unveiled

One of the great locations within the Natural Areas Division is Caperton Swamp, a 29 acre woodland and wetland habitat located on River Road, just a stone's throw from the Ohio River. Upon asking several individuals recently if they have been to Caperton, I was surprised at the number who have not. Today, I reminisce as I visit the location, remembering numerous field studies that I had at Caperton Swamp when I was a graduate student at U of L. Our Wetland Ecology class used the location as an outdoor laboratory on several occasions and I also did an independent study of wetland plants at Caperton. A few of the many wetland plants to be found include: Coontail, Buttonbush, Duckweed, Watermeal, Cattail, Primrose Willow, and various sedges. Other students have studied such things as insects, birds, water chemistry and soils in this wonderfully diverse natural location.

A three acre seasonal pond is the highlight of Caperton Swamp and much of the diversity of species is directly related to the fact that water is present in the pond for much of the year. I speculate that the pond was created when Interstate 71 was constructed in the 1960s, perhaps as a borrow pit related to the raised construction of the interstate. Previous to the interstate construction, Caperton Swamp extended to the base of the hills just south of interstate 71. A good example of what the swamp may have looked like prior to the interstate can be observed to the east of the present pond. A good bit of low wet woods exists there with typical wetland

tree species like Silver Maple, Sycamore, and Red Maple dominating. What many people think of as the "swamp" is actually the pond/marsh. A marsh is a wetland with herbaceous species dominating whereas a swamp has woody species dominating.

Remembering back to my earlier studies, Caperton was much more open, both in the wetland and non-wetland areas. A large central field area was maintained in semi-open woodland. The more open nature helped to

create some good birding habitat. Birders have long known about Caperton for the variety of species to be found. Early bird watchers knew of the location as an excellent place to observe wetland birds. Records were made of nesting Least Bitterns and Blue-winged Teal. Of particular interest was the first recorded nesting population of Willow Flycatchers for Kentucky! Today, local bird watchers still visit the swamp and record some interesting species. The bird list for Caperton, prepared by the Beckham Bird Club, includes 190 species! A few of the rarer birds observed at Caperton include the Peregrine Falcon, Wilson's Snipe, Short-eared Owl, and Marsh Wren. The Beckham Bird Club has been instrumental in championing Caperton as a nature preserve and in 2010 provided some funding to allow the Division to begin habitat improvement.

Other nature groups have found Caperton to be a great location too. The area is well known for having a variety of interesting reptiles and amphibians including earlier records of the Four-toed Salamander which is no longer seen there. As a student, I observed a somewhat rare species, the Eastern Ribbon Snake along the edge of the marsh. Those interested in insects and other invertebrates also find the location a wonderful place to look. A really interesting invertebrate occasionally found in the pond is the Fairy Shrimp. Fairy Shrimp can be up to an inch long and are translucent. They can tolerate a pond drying out completely and benefit from the elimination of fish. When water returns, so do the Fairy Shrimp. They are able to produce eggs that can withstand extended dry periods. In heavy flood years, the Ohio River

will overflow into the pond introducing new fish. As the waters recede, the fish become stranded. So, from time to time the pond will have fish, but the inevitable drying out in summer will eliminate them.

In 2010, after working with the Kentucky division of Forestry to develop a management plan for the area, the land management staff began clearing some less desirable trees that were forming an impenetrable thicket in the central section of the upland area. A forestry mower was utilized to cut and shred less desirable species like Boxelder and Black Locust. Extensive tangles of wild grape vines that had overtopped the smaller trees were also targeted. Releasing desirable species like Pin Oak, and Black Cherry from the grip of the vines was the goal. Now, this open habitat will be bush hogged annually to keep the thicket from returning.

As the Natural Areas Division carries out habitat improvements at Caperton, we hope that you will join us. We have set aside three days this spring to remove invasive plants like Wintercreeper, Bush Honeysuckle, and Multiflora Rose. Additionally, we will be working to remove some old debris piles that were left from previous land use. The work days are scheduled on April 23 & 30, and May 14. For more information on volunteer days, contact Sherry Wright at 380-1753. If you have not visited Caperton, I encourage you to visit it this spring. There is a nice 0.9 mile path that will take you around the pond where you can enjoy the diverse beauty of this local wetland.

Bryan Lewis,
Landscape Supervisor

Red Maple, found frequently in the true swamp of Caperton.



Mature Sycamore trees are easily identified in any season by their white bark.





FREE EVENT!
PARKING \$5

SATURDAY
MAY 21
10³⁰ a.m.-7 p.m.

District 13 Councilwoman Vicki Welch
presents

FOREST FEST '11

featuring

Also Featuring
BLUEGRASS
101
RELIC
THE HIGHROLLERS

Jam Sessions
7:30-11 p.m.
Campsite #1

Contact 502/368-5404
to make your
reservation for a campsite.
Mention the jam discount and
receive a \$3 discount

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Public Program Calendar: April through June

The Forest offers programs for all ages. For more information visit our website at www.memorialforest.com or call the Welcome Center at 502/368-5404. Our staff will be happy to help make reservations, give directions to the program location, or provide a complete schedule of programs throughout the year. For all programs, please wear close-toed walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Reservations are required in advance. The Forest reserves the right to cancel, change or postpone program dates and venues, due to insufficient registration, conditions or weather. In such cases rain checks will be provided.

OUTDOOR SKILLS: ARCHERY

Saturday April 2, 9 a.m. to Noon p.m.

Archery is a great activity that can be shared by the entire family. NASP Certified Staff introduce you to Olympic-style archery. Learn how to shoot a bow and arrow within minutes. Bow safety is stressed. This program is for all physical ability levels. Equipment is provided. Children 8 and over are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Meet at the Horine Reservation Area. Fee: \$6/person

ORIENTEERING

Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. to Noon

Map and landscape reading are skills every outdoors person needs to possess. This program equips participants with the skills necessary to read and interpret topographic maps and locate destinations. This in-field set of exercises is truly a hands-on learning experience. Program meets in the Horine Reservation Area. Fee: \$10/person

FLOYDS FORK CANOE TRIP

Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

See the beauty of nature, paddling down Floyds Fork. Trip requires basic paddling skills for the sometimes tight channels in Floyds Fork, and all equipment is provided. Bring a sack lunch. Ages 12 and up. Children must be accompanied by parents or guardians. Program meets at the Welcome Center. There is space for 18 participants, a maximum of 12 adults. Fee: \$15/person

HOWL AT THE MOON

Friday, April 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, June 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Come out to the Forest for an evening romp through the woods with your dog! Forest

staff will lead owners and their pooches on a hike through the woods. Your dog will be around other dogs and people, so non-retractable leashes and good behavior are required. Please make sure your pet is up to date on all vaccinations. Meet at the Horine Reservation Area. Fee: \$6/dog

SASSAFRAS TREE HOUSE

Third Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Created to provide experiences in nature for parents and little ones to share, this program is developmentally appropriate for ages 3 to 5. Discover what is under your feet. Program meets at Horine Reservation. Fee: \$10/child. Discount package: \$8 per child if you pre-register for the entire series

1-LIFE UNDERGROUND

Saturday, April 16

From rocks to moles, we'll explore the ground down under.

2-A FROG ON A LOG

Saturday, May 21

Discover with your child the amazing creatures living in the pond, from tadpoles to dragonfly nymphs. Using a net and a bucket collect a variety of animals from the pond and view them under a magnifying glass. Dress to get messy.

3 - SPRITES, FAIRIES, GNOMES AND TROLLS

Saturday, June 18

Explore the fields and forests in search of the wildflowers and trees that attract fairies. Discover where gnomes and trolls are known to live and what they like to eat.

ESSENTIALS OF RIVER CANOEING

Saturday, April 23, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This American Canoe Association skills course is an introduction to paddling safely.

Participants learn to catch large eddies, perform simple ferries, recognize hazards and perform rescues on moving water with no rapids. All equipment is provided. You will get wet so dress appropriately. Bring lunch to take with you on the water. Program meets at the Welcome Center and is limited to 12 participants.

For ages 12 and up and children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All participants receive an ACA packet with brochures, a workshop card and decal. Fee: \$25/person

SPECIAL EVENTS

MOTHER'S DAY WITH MOTHER EARTH
Sunday, May 8, Noon to 3 p.m.

This special day celebrating Mother Nature is all about family, fun and enjoying the outdoors! Take a short wildflower and birding hike, followed by a catered picnic on the Manor House lawn. Pictures of you and your mom will be taken and printed on site, with an area for decorating a picture frame with natural materials. This relaxing day is meant for mommies of all ages, even mommies to be if you're up for a hike, with the best nature has to offer!

Fee: \$25/Mom. Includes box lunch for Mom and child and all materials for picture and frame. \$10 for each additional family member. One framed picture per family.

FATHER'S DAY BBQ ADVENTURE

Sunday, June 19, Noon-4 p.m.

Treat the most important guy in your life to a day of BBQ and adventure. This event is for fathers and sons, no matter what the age. Choose from a variety of activities to create your own adventure and memories.

Fee: \$25/Dad. Includes BBQ lunch and afternoon of activities for Dad and child, \$10 for each additional family member.



Public Program Calendar

Forest Family Fun Days!

Jefferson Memorial Forest is planning a summer of fun in the sun! We are offering four days throughout the summer of the best summer has to offer at the Forest. So grab your family and head to Jefferson Memorial Forest for an adventure!

METRO PARKS FISHING DERBY AT TOM WALLACE LAKE

**Saturday, June 4, 2011
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Join us for the biggest kid's fishing event ever! Poles, hooks, and bait are provided. There will be fishing instructors, contests and a free picture with the fish you catch. Food vendors will attend. This event is for children 17 and under.
Fee: Free

THE GREAT AMERICAN CAMP OUT

**Saturday, June 25, 7 p.m.
to Sunday, June 26, 11 a.m.**

Since 2005, thousands of people from across the nation have come together the fourth

Saturday of June to participate in the Great American Backyard Campout in support of Great Outdoors Month. The Campout not only raises awareness of the benefits of camping as a way to connect people with nature, but it also reinforces National Wildlife Federation's Be Out There campaign. This event is an easy way for friends, families and children to connect with nature, sleep under the stars and create memories of outdoor experiences. Jefferson Memorial Forest wants to host the biggest campout ever! We'll provide the campfire, s'mores, night hikes, and activities. You provide your breakfast and a tent. In the morning, you will have the day to explore the Forest, meet the animals in the Environmental Education Center or go fishing at Tom Wallace with free fishing poles provided at the Welcome Center. Fee: \$10.00 per family/\$15.00 per platform tent rental.

FAMILY CANOE DAY AT TOM WALLACE LAKE

**Saturday, July 9, 2011
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Get yourself geared-up for a family treat and special day of fun! Take a canoe out on the lake and spend time on the shore learning

about the incredible creatures that live below. Are you ready to start paddling but not sure of how to begin? Join us to discover the basics of canoeing. Spend some time on the lake practicing your skills. Don't worry if you are new to canoeing – Jefferson Memorial Forest will provide all equipment (canoe, paddles, and personal flotation devices) for participants. This program is suitable for beginning paddlers (ages 5 and to adult.) Fee: Activities Free; \$10.00 canoe rental

OLD TIME ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT TOM WALLACE PARK

**Saturday, July 23, 2011
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Erler's Ice Cream will be on hand to serve up their cold treats, while you and your family engage in some old time fun. Scavenger hunts, family relay races, balloon tosses and a variety of other games that will bring out the kid in you. Fee: Activities Free; Ice Cream \$3.25 to \$5.50



A Grand Opening

We are very excited to open the Nature Explore Classroom! Please join us for the ribbon cutting taking place on Saturday, April 2 at 10 a.m. This is an area where children, ages 3-5, can play, be creative, imagine, discover, explore...the possibilities are endless. Little ones can climb on tree stumps, build with tree "cookies," hide in the Sassafras Tree House, create with seeds, leaves, rocks and other natural materials and listen to a story under the trees. With the help of volunteers and staff, the area was created to be a space where kids and their families can play outdoors and reconnect to nature. There will be activities for the whole family!





Jefferson Memorial Forest Summer Camps

We are happy to announce 3 new summer camps for 2011!

JMF day camps immerse your child in the natural world. Campers take on the roles of naturalist, scientist and explorer as they discover new things about the Forest and the creatures that inhabit it. By combining educational activities and learning experiences with traditional summer camp fun, your child will have an educational adventure to remember for a lifetime.

Camp activities include nature study, crafts, science experiments, games, journaling, hikes and animal contact with the Forest's educational animals. All campers receive a Forest water bottle. Each session runs for one week. Each day begins promptly at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

Sessions 1 and 6: Forest Adventures

Dates: June 13-17 and July 11-15

Is your child an explorer? Do they crave adventure? They are sure to find it here! Campers explore trails deep in the forest, climb our alpine tower, and learn survival skills. They learn skills such as fire and shelter building, using a map and compass and wilderness first-aid.

Session 2: Creature Trekking

Dates: June 20-24

Campers explore a variety of habitats and learn about the creatures that call these places home. Campers travel through the forest, along the forest edge, across fields and meadows and into streams. Campers learn what to look for when tracking animals, what the population of animals can tell us about ourselves and how we affect the world around us.

Sessions 3: Aquatic Habitats

Dates: June 27- July 1

Discover the exciting world within a pond, lake, stream and river. Campers explore a lake while canoeing, hike through a forest to a winding stream, use nets to collect specimens and view the many tiny creatures they collect on our videoscope. Also, campers are engaged in crafts, journaling and science experiments. Life preservers are provided and trained staff will accompany the campers in a 1:3 ratio for our canoe excursions. Parents are welcome to join their child for canoeing field trips.

Session 4: Forest Explorers

Dates: July 5-July 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ages 5 to 6. Using our brand new Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom, explorers use their imagination to create art and play areas using natural materials. Going on short hikes into the Forest, explorers search for animal tracks, discover the fascinating world of insects and find life in a small scoop of pond water. Through stories, crafts and hands-on activities your child will make discoveries about the variety of habitats and the animals living in the Forest. Come explore!

Session 5: ECO Extreme

Dates: July 5-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. except Thursday

Ages 13 to 15. Are you ready for extreme adventure? Then you have found the right camp. Canoeing, back country camping and exploring areas off the beaten path – Campers learn leave no Trace skills, Wilderness First Responder skills and challenge themselves and each other as they go extreme. Group camps out on Thursday.

Session 7: Fairies, Trolls, and Gnomes

Dates: July 18-22

Enter the magical, hidden side of the Forest, where creatures of the imagination live. This camp explores the fantastical hidden Forest. Campers will use their imagination and natural materials to create an enchanted land where anything is possible, while learning about the forest and its different habitats.

Session 8: CSI: Creature Scene Investigations

Dates: July 25-29

An in-depth look at the ecology and biology of the natural world. Focusing on animals, students learn about animal adaptations, how to identify animals using only their bones and teeth, how to identify animal evidence and understand how forest animals have adapted to survive. Please note: this camp will include a dissection.

Cost

Summer Adventures	ages 7-12	Sessions 1-3, 6-7	\$120
Forest Explorers	ages 4-5	Session 4	\$110
ECO Extreme	ages 13-15	Session 5	\$175
CSI	ages 10-13	Session 8	\$125

Cost is per child, per week.

Registration

Sessions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Full payment is required at the time of registration. Full payment and completed registration forms are required prior to the first day of camp. You will promptly be notified if a session is full or cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. Confirmation will be e-mailed or mailed to you prior to the beginning of camp. You may request friends or siblings to be with your child, but this can not be guaranteed based on age levels and numbers.

Payment options and refunds

Price includes all camp supplies, water bottle, field trip fees and a snack each day of camp. Registration forms can be mailed with check or credit card information to Jefferson Memorial Forest, PO Box 467, Fairdale, KY 40118. Reservation forms and information packets may be requested by phone, but reservations are not accepted over the phone. Make checks payable to Jefferson Memorial Forest. Include the session dates that your child is attending on the check. Refunds, less a \$25 processing fee, are given only if a cancellation is made in writing at least two weeks prior to the first day of camp. If a camp is filled or cancelled, a full refund will be made to you. All camps are subject to maximum and minimum enrollment requirements.



2011 Jefferson Memorial Forest Summer Camp Registration

Registration fee must accompany this registration form.

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Forest Explorers

[ages 5-6]

☐ July 5-8

\$110/session

Forest Adventures

[ages 7-12]

☐ June 13-17 ☐ July 11-15

\$120/session

Creature Trekking

[ages 7-12]

☐ June 20-24

\$120/session

Aquatic Habitats

[ages 7-12]

☐ June 27-July 1

\$120/session

Fairies, Trolls and Gnomes

[ages 7-12]

☐ July 18-22

\$120/session

CSI: Creature Scene Investigation

[ages 10-13]

☐ July 25-29

\$125/session

ECO Extreme

[ages 13-15]

☐ July 5-8

\$175/session

Child's last name: _____ Child's first name: _____

Sex: ☐ M ☐ F Age: _____ Birthday: _____ / _____ / _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home phone: _____ Emergency phone: _____

Email address: _____

Is there a friend/sibling you would like placed with your child? _____

(This cannot be guaranteed if children are in different age groups or if space is not available.)

Does your child have any health concerns, special needs or allergies? _____

I hereby authorize Jefferson Memorial Forest/Metro Parks to take any steps necessary to ensure my child's health in case of an emergency, including seeking medical treatment. My child has permission to go on all camp-sponsored field trips. I understand that transportation will be by van with a staff driver for all field trips.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby authorize Jefferson Memorial Forest/Metro Parks to use my child's name and/or photograph for educational and public relations purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment:

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Amount paid: _____

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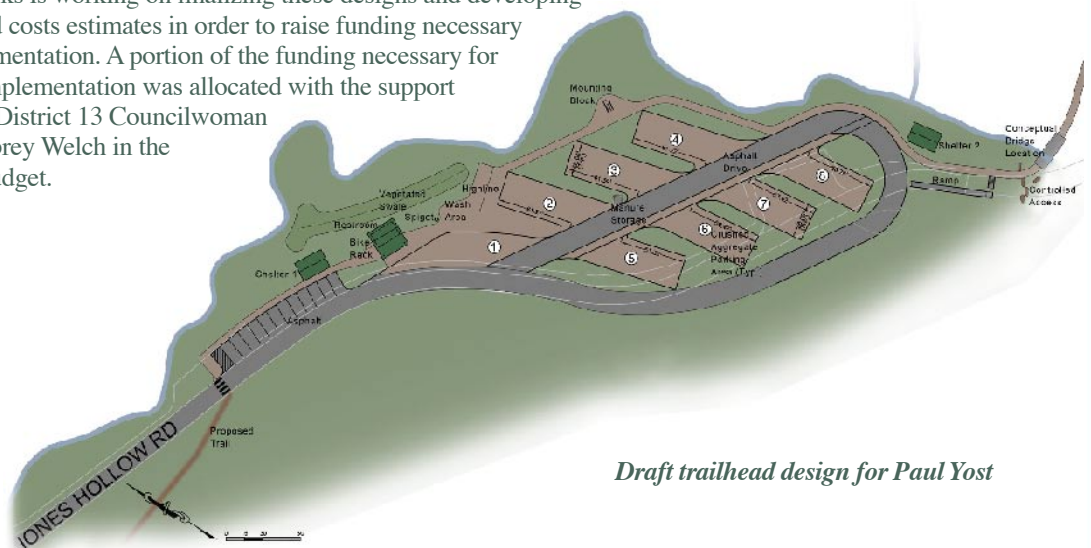
Greg Fischer, Mayor
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Paul Yost Recreation Area Proposed Trailhead Improvements

On March 7, Metro Parks held a public meeting to unveil a draft design for trailhead improvements at Paul Yost. Primarily for equestrian trail users, but also with facilities for hikers and those with disabilities, the designs will be modified to reflect the comments of the approximately 40 individuals in attendance. Metro Parks is working on finalizing these designs and developing associated costs estimates in order to raise funding necessary for implementation. A portion of the funding necessary for project implementation was allocated with the support of Metro District 13 Councilwoman Vicki Aubrey Welch in the current budget.

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Draft trailhead design for Paul Yost



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